

**INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2104-MC-FFS**

**DATE:** February 27, 2020

**TO:** Home and Community Based Services (HCBS),  
Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) and Fee-for-Service (FFS) Case Management

**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC), FFS

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Money Follows the Person (MFP) Extension

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

Since 2008, Iowa has operated a federally funded MFP grant to assist members residing in qualifying facilities with moving to an integrated community setting of their choice. To date, Iowa has transitioned 758 members from facilities into community based settings using MFP funding.

In December 2019 federal legislation was passed that provided additional funding for the MFP program to continue. The state has been notified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that MFP program funding will now end December 31, 2021, unless additional federal funding is appropriated. With this news, Iowa will accept new referrals for the MFP immediately.

In order to be placed on the referral list, MFP applicants must have documentation that they will be eligible for either the Brain Injury (BI) or Intellectual Disability (ID) Waivers upon completion of MFP. This includes having a brain injury diagnosis or, for members that will access the ID Waiver, having a copy of a current psychological evaluation that includes a diagnosis of an ID. A psychological evaluation is considered current if it is within six years of application to MFP.

MFP will facilitate transitions throughout 2020 and transition specialists will provide 365 days of MFP case management and will assist with member transition to waiver services during 2021 for members who have moved to community-based settings through the MFP program in 2020.

Referrals can be made via the current [Money Follows the Person Referral Information form](#)<sup>1</sup> on the [Money Follows the Person webpage](#)<sup>2</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Robertson, MFP Operations Manager, at [lrobert1@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:lrobert1@dhs.state.ia.us) or by phone at 515-256-4637.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-5151-Money\\_Follows\\_the\\_Person\\_Referral\\_Information\\_0718.pdf](https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-5151-Money_Follows_the_Person_Referral_Information_0718.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/mfp>